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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims provided herein shall replace all prior versions and listings of the pending claims:

Listing of Claims:

1. (canceled)
2. (canceled)
3. (canceled)
4. (currently amended) The assembly according to claim 25, wherein said housing cover comprises at least one ventilation opening.
5. (currently amended) An assembly for housing an electrical energy storage device of a vehicle electrical system, comprising:
 - a support structure disposed within a vehicle passenger compartment of the vehicle for supporting the electrical energy storage device;
 - a combined housing/console structure for concealing, at least partially, said support structure and the electrical energy storage device; and
 - a housing cover, having at least one console feature, removably attached to said combined ~~housing/support~~ housing/console structure for allowing access to said electrical energy storage device without detachment or disengagement of said support structure from the vehicle, and wherein said housing cover comprises a storage compartment.
6. (canceled)

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7. (currently amended) The assembly according to claim 25, wherein said housing cover is completely detachable from said housing/console structure.

8. (currently amended) An assembly for housing an electrical energy storage device of a vehicle electrical system, comprising:

a support structure disposed within a vehicle passenger compartment of the vehicle for supporting the electrical energy storage device;

a combined housing/console structure for concealing, at least partially, said support structure and the electrical energy storage device; and

a housing cover, having at least one console feature, removably attached to said combined ~~housing/support~~ housing/console structure for allowing access to said electrical energy storage device without detachment or disengagement of said support structure from the vehicle, and wherein said housing cover is fixedly attached to and in cooperation with said housing/console structure on one side such that said housing cover can be lifted and swung off said housing/console structure to form an accessory support structure.

9. (currently amended) The assembly according to claim 25, further comprising means for affixing said housing cover to said combined housing/console structure.

10. (canceled)

11. (canceled)

12. (canceled)

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13. (canceled)

14. (canceled)

15. (canceled)

16. (currently amended) A battery housing assembly for an electrically-powered vehicle, comprising:

a battery support structure disposed within a passenger compartment of an automobile;

at least one battery unit mounted on said battery support structure, said battery unit being used at least in part as a source of power to propel the vehicle;

a combined battery housing/console structure for concealing, at least partially, said battery support structure and said battery unit; and

a housing cover, having at least one console feature, removably attached to said combined ~~housing/support~~ housing/console structure for allowing access to said battery unit without detachment or disengagement of said support structure from the vehicle, wherein said housing cover comprises a storage compartment.

17. (canceled)

18. (currently amended) The battery housing assembly according to claim ~~13~~16, wherein said housing cover is detachable from said combined battery housing/console structure.

19. (currently amended) A battery housing assembly for an electrically-powered vehicle, comprising:

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a battery support structure disposed within a passenger compartment of an automobile;

at least one battery unit mounted on said battery support structure, said battery unit being used at least in part as a source of power to propel the vehicle;

a combined battery housing/console structure for concealing, at least partially, said battery support structure and said battery unit; and

a housing cover, having at least one console feature, removably attached to said combined ~~housing/support~~ housing/console structure for allowing access to said battery unit without detachment or disengagement of said support structure from the vehicle, wherein said housing cover is fixedly attached to and in cooperation with said combined battery housing/console structure on one side such that said housing cover can be lifted and swung off said combined battery housing/console structure to form an accessory support structure.

20. (currently amended) The battery housing assembly according to claim ~~13~~16, further comprising means for affixing said housing cover to said combined battery housing/console structure.

21. (canceled)

22. (canceled)

23. (currently amended) ~~An automobile~~ A vehicle having dual battery systems, comprising:

a battery support structure arranged within a passenger compartment of the ~~automobile~~ vehicle, said battery support structure being disposed between seats inside the passenger compartment;

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at least one battery unit corresponding to one of said battery systems mounted on said battery support structure, said battery unit being used at least in part as a source of power to propel the automobile vehicle;

a combined battery housing/console structure for concealing, at least partially, said battery support structure and said battery unit; and

a housing cover, having at least one console feature removably attached to said combined ~~housing/support~~ housing/console structure for allowing access to said battery unit without detachment or disengagement of said support structure from the vehicle.

24. (original)

25. (original)

26. (canceled)

27. (canceled)

28. (canceled)

29. (currently amended) The automobile vehicle according to claim 23, wherein said battery support structure is placed between first row seats inside the passenger compartment.

30. (currently amended) The automobile vehicle according to claim 23, wherein said battery support structure is placed between intermediate row seats inside the passenger compartment.

31. (currently amended) The automobile vehicle according to claim 23, wherein said battery support structure

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is placed between rear row seats inside the passenger compartment.

32. (canceled)

33. (canceled)

34. (canceled)

35. (canceled)

36. (canceled)